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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 331 (Senator Dorman)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Physician Assistants - Practice of Anesthesiology

This bill prohibits a physician assistant from practicing anesthesiology.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Small business physicians who have been delegating anesthesiology duties to physician assistants could no longer do so.

Analysis

Current Law: A physician assistant may perform medical acts that are: (1) delegated by a supervising physician to the physician assistant; (2) within the supervising physician's scope of practice; and (3) appropriate to the physician assistant's education, training, and experience. A physician assistant cannot practice any of the following health occupations: (1) nursing; (2) optometry; (3) physical therapy; or (4) psychology.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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